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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An electronic apparatus ~~detachably connected to an~~ to
which an input device is connected, comprising:

- a main unit;
- a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit; and
- a retaining mechanism retaining at least one portion of the input device into a space which
is formed by between the display unit and the main unit when the input device is not used,
wherein the input device is removable from the space.

Claim 2 (original): The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim1, wherein the retaining
mechanism comprises at least one supporting member.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
retaining mechanism further comprises a supporting member is mounted so as to be storable in the
main unit when the input device is not being stored.

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Claim 4 (original): The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the retaining mechanism comprises an engaging member engaging the main unit and the input device.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the retaining mechanism further comprises an engaging member is mounted so as to be storable in the main unit when the input device is not being stored.

Claim 6 (original): The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
at least one detector detecting each of a storage and a removal operation of the input device;
and
control means controlling a predetermined operation of the electronic apparatus according to a signal of the detector.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An input device detachably connected to an electric apparatus having a ~~main unit~~ display unit rotatably attached to ~~[[the]]~~ a main unit, the input device comprising: at least one engaging member engaging the main unit so that at least one portion of the input device is retained into a space which is formed between the display unit and the main unit, wherein the input device is removable from the space.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main unit;

a keyboard detachable from the main unit;

a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit, and

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a supporting member rotatably mounted to the main unit to hold the keyboard against the main unit when the supporting member is lowered from the main unit [[and]] the keyboard is mounted on the supporting member, wherein when the keyboard is mounted on the supporting member and the display unit is rotated down, the keyboard is disposed in a space between the display unit and the main unit, wherein the input device is removable from the space.

Claim 9 (new): A main unit used for an electronic apparatus to which an input device is connected, the electronic apparatus having a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit,

the main unit comprising a support member,

wherein the support member projects from a front surface of the main unit into a space formed between the display unit and the main unit, so that at least one portion of the input device is retained into the space when the input device is not used, and

wherein the input device is removable from the space.
